

OCA Secy offers to help BOA

Sports Reporter Secretary-General of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Randhir Singh of India has reportedly assured the Secretary General of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) Bashir Ahmed of all possible help to place BOA on a solid foundation...

19th nat'l's get underway

Protishthan (BKSP) out of contention as the 19th Gold Leaf national cricket championship zonals get underway at different venues across the country yesterday...

Sports Reporter Although a double duck followed, victory was never in doubt and Jahangirnagar University raised 143 for seven wickets to advance to the next round with nearly six overs to spare...

NOAKHALI WIN While Timur was wreaking havoc with BKSP, Tinku conjured up an 80-run win for Noakhali against Sunamganj away in Sylhet...

NAOGAON WIN Naogaon recorded a 98-run victory against Gaibandha in Jhenidah. Batting first, the winners collected 193 for nine from 41 overs with Rokon hitting 57, Selim 47 and Palach 24...

JHENIDAH BEATEN In Jessore, Mehrpur won against Jhenidah by 27 runs. Salam topscored in Mehrpur's total of 153. Kamal with 22, Shuja with 18 and Riton with 14 were the other batsmen who got among the runs...

BU patrons meet Sports Reporter A joint meeting of the governing body and executive committee members of Brothers Union was held yesterday at the club premises in Gopibagh with Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman in the chair...

Sigei again to the fore WASHINGTON, Apr 5: Newly crowned World cross-country champion William Sigei led a Kenyan sweep of the top three places here Sunday in the Cherry blossom 10-mile road race in 46 minutes 29 seconds...

Karpov, Timman agree to play second fiddle ZURICH, Apr 5: Two beaten challengers have agreed to play off for the official world chess title, replacing reigning champion Garry Kasparov and finalist Nigel Short...

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Day-nighter at Dhaka Stadium today

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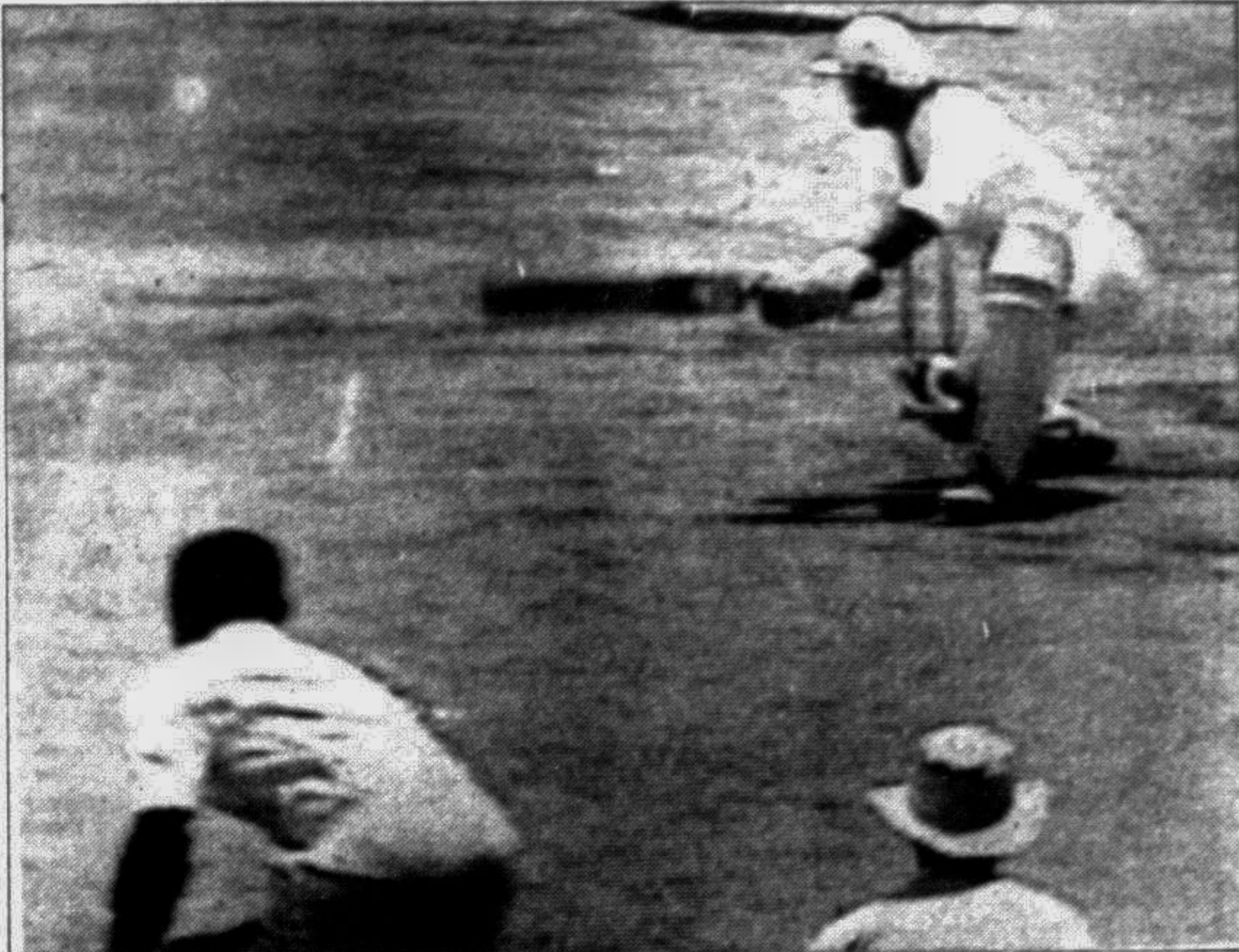
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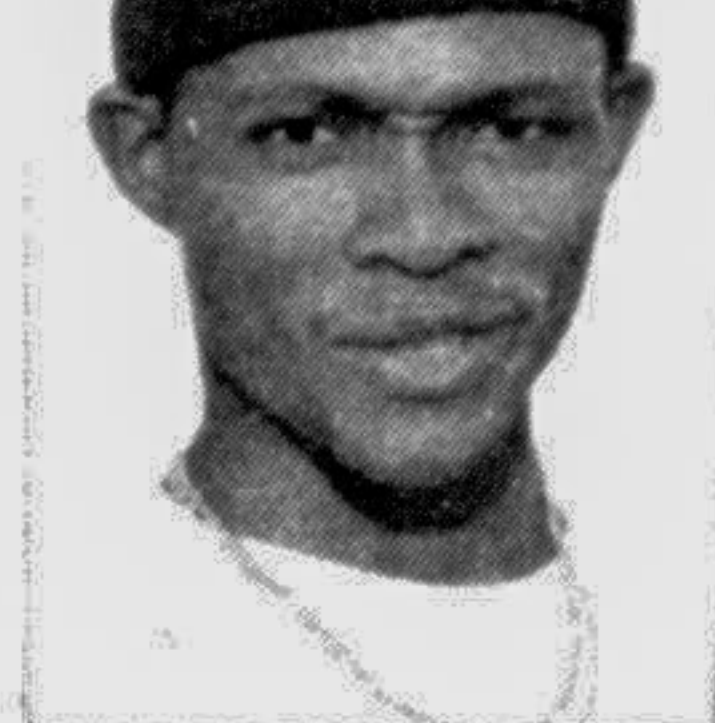


Pakistan batsman Basit Ali steers West Indian paceman Ian Bishop to the third man fence during the fifth and final one-dayer at Georgetown, Guyana on Saturday. Basit Ali made 57 in the dramatically drawn match.

Tests beckon world champions

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Apr 5: Having completed the one-day series against the West Indies here on Sunday, Pakistan can now get down to the serious business of preparing for the three-match Test series, reports AFP...

PRESIDENT'S XI (from): K L Arthurton (capt), A D A Joseph, S C Williams, J C Adams, S Chandernpaul, R I C Holder, R D Jacobs (WK), B St



KEITH ARTHURTON A Browne, K C G Benjamin, S C Cummins, O R Gibson, N O Perry.

ABSOLUTELY FAIR Meanwhile, another report says: West Indies manager David Holford, said Sunday the decision by ICC referee Raman Subba Row to declare Saturday's fifth one-day international against Pakistan a tie was 'absolutely fair'...

score of 244, but having lost one wicket less than the Pakistanis. But Subba Row took into account the fact that a celebrating crowd had rushed on to the ground while the batsmen, Carl Hooper and Ian Bishop, were taking the two runs required to level the scores...

He took his decision after a lengthy meeting with the officials of both teams and the West Indies Cricket Board's executive secretary Steve Camacho. By the time the announcement was made on the public address system, most of the crowd had departed, believing that the West Indies had won.

Otherwise, the reversal of the verdict could have caused angry scenes. Tickets were sold beyond the ground's capacity. The excess of spectators spilled on to the ground and at one stage of the match, Subba Row walked round the perimeter, urging them to stay back from the boundary line. Subba Row was critical of the ground authorities for poor organisation, as was Holford. The referee said that his decision was not prompted by any protest on the part of the Pakistanis. It was taken on his own initiative and it had been readily accepted by the West Indies, he said.

Schools handball semis Apr 8

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Ansars and VDP High School and Shaheed Nabi High School emerged as their respective group champions in the fifth Bata schools handball tournament...

Defending champions Narinda Govt High School, who finished as Group A runners-up, will clash with last year's runners-up and Group B champions Shaheed Nabi School while the Group A champions Ansars and VDP School will take on Rajarbagh Police Lines High School...

Yesterday, Shaheed Nabi School outplayed Badda Vidya Niketan by 27 goals to 14 in their last group league match at the Outer Stadium handball court. The winners led 12-5 at half time.

Priyotosh scored eight goals, Shuvra five while Yusuf and Khokon got four each for Shaheed Nabi School. Jastim and Shoeb netted eight and four goals respectively for Badda Vidya Niketan.

Bangladesh Rifles High School swept aside Kamalapur High School by 32 goals to 13 in the other encounter of the day. Rifles School led the first session 12-6.

Azad netted 11 and Rakib 10 for Rifles School while Naif Khan and Sajjad got seven and four goals respectively for Kamalapur School.

Schools kabaddi

Sports Reporter The 1993 schools kabaddi tournament will now be held from April 16 instead of April 10 for want of enough participants. As a consequence the entry date has been further extended till April 10.

Interested schools have been asked to contact the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation, the organisers of the meet, soon.

Krickstein wins S African open DURBAN, South Africa, Apr 5: Fifth-seeded American Aaron Krickstein edged out South Africa's Grant Stafford to win the ATP South African Open here on Sunday, reports AFP.

The 25-year-old defending champion overcame the South African, ranked 110th, 6-3, 7-6, (9-7) in a final marred by blustery condition. Stafford, a wildcard entry, was playing his first ATP tour final and was left lamenting the number of chances he failed to convert during the one-and-a-half hour battle.

Evans asserts her supremacy

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Apr 5: American swimming superstar Janet Evans made it a clean sweep of the three events in which she holds world records when she won the 1,500-metre freestyle on Sunday, final day of the US long course national championships, reports Reuter.

Games with just a relay medal, picked up her third national title of the meeting. She won the 50-metre freestyle in 25.72 seconds to add to the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke titles she won earlier in the week. Kristine Quance swept the



JANET EVANS

Individual medley titles with a 2:16.30 in the 200 medley. The 18-year-old Quance earlier won the 400-metre individual medley. Raimundas Mazuolis, a

member of the 1992 Lithuanian Olympic team, continued to post impressive times. The 21-year-old Mazuolis, who won the 100 freestyle on Thursday, made a run at the 50-metre freestyle world record in morning preliminaries and later won the event. Mazuolis clocked 22.26 in qualifying and won the title in a slower 22.57. American Tom Jager set the world record of 21.81 in the same pool.

This gives me an opportunity to start thinking about representing my country again in the 1996 Olympics, Mazuolis said. I think I can get the world record before I am through. I have my whole country-watching me. I do not want to fall them. Another former Soviet swimmer, Sergel Marlniuk of Moldova, beat a world class field to take the 200-metre individual medley in 2:03.17. Marlniuk beat five other Olympians—Americans Eric Namesnik and Roque Santos, Mihail Savov of Bulgaria, Marcel Wouda of the Netherlands and Marcin Malinsk of Poland.

Graf's 4th Family Circle Cup

HILTON HEAD, South Carolina, Apr 5: German Steffi Graf shrugged off a sprained knee here Sunday to beat Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in straight sets in the final of the Family Circle Cup women's tennis tournament, reports AFP.

The first set was packed with tense rallies, punctuated by forays to the net by both players. Graf, a late replacement for



STEFFI GRAF

The top-seeded German beat the second seeded Spaniard 7-6 (10/8), 6-1. Though she said the pain in her knee was so bad she might have given up if the first-set tie-breaker had not gone her way. It was at 6-5 in the first that the sprain occurred, she said. I was running for a shot and seemed to twist my knee a little bit. In the tie-breaker it was very painful. She had it wrapped for the second set, and had little trouble against the disheartened Sanchez-Vicario.

Stafford felled top-seeded countryman Wayne Ferreira in the semifinals on Saturday. Krickstein, ranked 44th, said he was delighted with his win, especially since this was only his second tournament after suffering a fractured left foot seven months ago. I'm right back where I wanted to be. My foot was really sore, so I'll probably take this week off before going to Nice for he start of the clay court season, he said. Krickstein was once ranked fifth in the world, but injuries have hampered his progress.

Police post win in hockey

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Police edged past Bangladesh Sporting Club by a solitary goal to move into the Group B quarterfinals of the 1993 Independence Day Cup hockey tournament at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Police will play the winners of today's match between the 1992 First Division league runners-up and pre-tournament favourites Abahani Krira Chakra and Bangladesh Railway on April 10.

Nazimuddin scored the all-important goal for the law enforcing agency two minutes from time. Police, who dominated the entire proceedings, forced as many as 11 penalty corners but pathetically failed to convert any of them.

However, Police hero on the day Nazimuddin received the green card for rough play. Md Mushtaq and Rezaul Karim of Bangladesh Sporting were also cautioned.

TODAY'S MATCHES Ansars vs Navy (2:30 pm) Abahani vs Railway (4:00 pm)

BSWA indoor meet

Sports Reporter The remaining matches of the indoor sports championships of the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA) will be held on April 8 and 9, says a press release. Participating players have been asked to contact the BSWA office for further details tomorrow at 7:00 pm.

Belenky wins right to defend his title

BIRMINGHAM, Apr 5: Valeri Belenky, gold medalist under the flag of the Soviet Union two years ago, has won the right to defend his title as an individual at next week's World Gymnastics Championships, reports AP.

Belenky had appealed to the International Gymnastic Federation for special permission to compete in the championships after his country, the newly-independent, Azerbaijan, missed the deadline for recognition by the world body.

The federation's ruling allows Belenky, the pommel horse titlist in 1991, to compete under the federation's banner rather than his national flag. The championships begin in Birmingham, England, on April 13.

Belenky won a bronze medal in the all-around competition at the Summer Olympics in Barcelona, where he was a member of the Unified Team of former Soviet republics.



West Indian wicketkeeper Junior Murray offers a few words of sympathy as Pakistan batsman Inzamamul Haq agonises in pain after a Courtney Walsh delivery hit him on the groin during the fifth and final one-day international at Georgetown, Guyana on April 3. The match was tied.